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#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of office of Commissioner of Public Buildings and Public Buildings Administration transferred to Administrator of General Services by section 103(a) of act June 30, 1949, which is classified to section 753(a) of this title. Office of Commissioner of Public Buildings and Public Buildings Administration abolished by section 103(b) of act June 30, 1949.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions by act June 30, 1949, effective July 1, 1949, see section 605 of act June 30, 1949, set out as an Effective Date note under section 471 of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 304a-1, 304a-2, 304d, 304e of this title; title 16 section 459t.

## § 304c. Payment by agencies of rent, repairs, alterations, maintenance, operation, and mov-

To the extent that the appropriations of the General Services Administration not otherwise required are inadequate therefor, the Administrator of General Services may require each Federal agency to which leased space has been assigned to pay promptly by check to the Administrator of General Services out of its available appropriations, either in advance or during occupancy of such space, all or part of the estimated cost of rent, repairs, alterations, maintenance, operation, and moving: Provided, That when space in a building is occupied by two or more agencies, the Administrator of General Services shall determine and equitably apportion rental, operation, and other charges on the basis of the total amount of space so leased.

(Aug. 27, 1935, ch. 744, §3, 49 Stat. 886; July 18, 1940, ch. 635, §3, 54 Stat. 765; June 14, 1946, ch. 404, §4, 60 Stat. 257; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §103(a), 63 Stat. 380; Pub. L. 85-493, §2, July 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 294.)

### AMENDMENTS

1958-Pub. L. 85-493 struck out provisions which authorized leasing of space outside of District of Columbia for periods not in excess of five years, which provisions are now covered by section 490 of this title.

1946—Act June 14, 1946, substituted provision which authorized Commissioner of Public Buildings to require each Federal agency to pay the estimated cost of rental, repair, etc. of leased space assigned to that agency and to equitably apportion the charges when two or more agencies occupy the same space for provision which authorized the Director of Procurement to procure space for agencies in the same manner authorized by section 304a of this title and to require these agencies to pay the total expense required in the manner specified by section 304b of this title.

1940—Act July 18, 1940, substituted "Commissioner of Public Buildings" and "Federal Works Administrator" for "Director of Procurement" and "Secretary of the Treasury", respectively.

## Transfer of Functions; Exceptions

Functions with respect to acquiring space in buildings by lease, functions with respect to assigning and reassigning space in buildings for use by agencies (including both space acquired by lease and space in Government-owned buildings), with certain exceptions, transferred from respective agencies in which theretofore vested to Administrator of General Services by sections 1 and 2 of Reorg. Plan No. 18 of 1950, eff. July 1, 1950, 15 F.R. 3177, 64 Stat. 1270, set out as a note under

section 490 of this title. For delegation of those transferred functions to other personnel of General Services Administration, or to heads and personnel of other agencies, and for transfer of personnel, property, records, and funds, see sections 3 and 4 of that Plan.

Functions of office of Commissioner of Public Buildings and Public Buildings Administration transferred to Administrator of General Services by section 103(a) of act June 30, 1949, which is classified to section 753(a) of this title. Office of Commissioner of Public Buildings and Public Buildings Administration abolished by section 103(b) of act June 30, 1949.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions by act June 30, 1949, effective July 1, 1949, see section 605 of act June 30, 1949, set out as an Effective Date note under section 471 of this title.

#### Cross References

Section inapplicable to lease-purchase contracts, see section 356 of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 304a-1, 304a-2. 304d, 304e, 356 of this title; title 16 section 459t.

#### § 304d. Regulations under sections 304a to 304e

The Administrator of General Services is authorized to make such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 304a to 304e of this title.

(Aug. 27, 1935, ch. 744, §4, 49 Stat. 886; July 18, 1940, ch. 635, §3, 54 Stat. 765; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §103(a), 63 Stat. 380.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1940-Act July 18, 1940, substituted "Commissioner of Public Buildings" and "Federal Works Administrator" for "Director of Procurement" and "Secretary of the Treasury", respectively.

### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Federal Works Agency and of all agencies thereof, together with functions of Federal Works Administrator, and functions of Commissioner of Public Buildings and Public Buildings Administration transferred to Administrator of General Services by section 103(a) of act June 30, 1949, which is classified to section 753(a) of this title. Federal Works Agency, office of Federal Works Administrator, office of Commissioner of Public Buildings, and Public Buildings Administration abolished by section 103(b) of act June 30,

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions by act June 30, 1949, effective July 1, 1949, see section 605 of act June 30, 1949, set out as an Effective Date note under section 471 of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 304a-1, 304a-2, 304e of this title; title 16 section 459t.

### § 304e. "Federal agency", as used in sections 304a to 304e, defined

The term "Federal agency", as used in sections 304a to 304e of this title, means any executive department, independent establishment, commission, board, bureau, division, or office in the executive branch, or other agency of the United States, including corporations wholly owned by the United States.

(Aug. 27, 1935, ch. 744, §5, 49 Stat. 886.)

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 304a-1, 304a-2, 304d of this title; title 16 section 459t.

#### § 304f. Disposition of property abandoned or forfeited to United States; definitions of words used in sections 304f to 304m

As used in sections 304f to 304m of this title—
(1) "Property" means all personal property, including but not limited to vessels, vehicles, and aircraft;

- (2) "Agency" includes any executive department, independent establishment, board, commission, bureau, service, or division of the United States, and any corporation in which the United States owns all or a majority of the stock
- (3) "Administrator" means the Administrator of General Services

(Aug. 27, 1935, ch. 740, title III, §301, 49 Stat. 879; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §102(a), 63 Stat. 380.)

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Director of Bureau of Federal Supply transferred to Administrator of General Services and office of Director abolished by section 102(a) of act June 30, 1949, which is classified to section 752 of this title

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions by act June 30, 1949, effective July 1, 1949, see section 605 of act June 30, 1949, set out as an Effective Date note under section 471 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 304j, 304k, 304l, 304m of this title; title 18 section 3668.

## § 304g. Disposition of property voluntarily abandoned to United States

In the event that any property is or has been voluntarily abandoned to any agency in such manner as to vest title thereto in the United States, it may be retained by such agency and devoted to official use only. If such agency shall not desire so to retain such property, the head thereof shall forthwith notify the Administrator to that effect, and the Administrator shall, within a reasonable time—

- (a) order such agency to deliver the property to any other agency which requests and in his judgment should be given the property, or
- (b) order disposal of the property as otherwise provided by law.

(Aug. 27, 1935, ch. 740, title III, §302, 49 Stat. 879; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §102(a), 63 Stat. 380.)

### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Director of Bureau of Federal Supply transferred to Administrator of General Services and office of Director abolished by section 102(a) of act June 30, 1949, which is classified to section 752 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions by act June 30, 1949, effective July 1, 1949, see section 605 of act June 30, 1949, set out as an Effective Date note under section 471 of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 304f, 304j, 304k, 304l, 304m of this title; title 18 section 3668.

## § 304h. Disposition of property forfeited to United States

In the event that any property seized by any agency is or has been forfeited to the United

States otherwise than by court decree, it may, in the event that the property is not ordered by competent authority to be returned to any claimant, and in lieu of being disposed of as otherwise provided by law (including advertisement for sale, and sale), be retained by such agency and devoted to official use only. If such agency shall not desire so to retain such property, the head thereof shall forthwith notify the Administrator to that effect, and such property shall—

- (a) in the event that it is not ordered by competent authority to be returned to any claimant, and in lieu of being disposed of as otherwise provided by law (including advertisement for sale, and sale), be delivered by such agency, upon order of the Administrator given within a reasonable time, to any other agency which requests and in the judgment of the Administrator should be given the property, or
- (b) upon order of the Administrator given within a reasonable time, be disposed of as otherwise provided by law.

(Aug. 27, 1935, ch. 740, title III, §303, 49 Stat. 879; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §102(a), 63 Stat. 380.)

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Director of Bureau of Federal Supply transferred to Administrator of General Services and office of Director abolished by section 102(a) of act June 30, 1949, which is classified to section 752 of this title

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions by act June 30, 1949, effective July 1, 1949, see section 605 of act June 30, 1949, set out as an Effective Date note under section 471 of this title.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 304f, 304j, 304k, 304l, 304m of this title; title 18 section 3668.

# § 304i. Disposition of property subject to pending court proceedings for forfeiture

In the event that proceedings are or have been commenced for the forfeiture of any property by court decree, the agency which seized such property shall forthwith notify the Administrator and may at the same time file with him a request for such property for its official use. The Administrator shall, before entry of a decree, apply to the court to order delivery of such property—

- (a) to the agency filing such request; or
- (b) if no such request has been filed, to any other agency which requests and in the judgment of the Administrator should be given such property; or
- (c) if the agency which seized such property has not requested it, and no other agency has requested and in the judgment of the Administrator should be given such property, and if in the judgment of the Administrator the property may later become necessary to any agency for official use, to the seizing agency to be retained in its custody. Thereafter, the Administrator shall, within a reasonable time, order such agency to deliver the property to any other agency which requests and in his judgment should be given such property, or to dispose of it as otherwise provided by law,